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Preliminary Amendment Prior to Claims Fee Calculation

Sir:

With a view to avoiding excess claims fees other wise due and to placing the English translation of his instant international application into a condition believed in formals respects to satisfy current American patent prosecution standards, Applicant courteously requests entry of the following amendment:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 7: insert –BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

1. Field of the Invention.–;

line 12: insert –2. The Prior Art.–;

Page 4, line 23: insert –OBJECT OF THE INVENTION.–;

Page 5, line 3: insert –SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.–;

Page 10, line 25: insert –DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL DRAWINGS.–;

lines 26-27: cancel and substitute therefor --The novel features which are considered to be characteristic of the invention are set forth with particularity in the appended claims. The invention itself, however, in respect of its structure,